

## CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR THE CONSULS

Secretary Hay Asks Santa Claus Congress For Salary Additions.

Eight Ohioans, Four Pennsylvanians and One West Virginian Recommended.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—In a letter to Congress asking for increases for consular officers Secretary Hay asks consideration for the claims of eight Ohioans, four Pennsylvanians and one West Virginian.

The Secretary makes a particularly strong recommendation in behalf of James C. McNally, of Pittsburg, consul at Liege, Belgium, whose salary he would like to see increased from \$2,000 to \$3,500. McNally has done a lot of good work and when he was transferred from the consulate generalship at Guatemala to Liege, on account of the trouble between himself and Godfrey Hunter, then the American minister at Guatemala, McNally was promised a better place.

Another recommendation is that the salary of W. T. Fee, of Warren, O., consul at Bombay, India, be raised from \$2,500 to \$3,500 on account of the very high cost of living and the unhealthy climate. Mr. Fee lost his daughter by the plague a few months ago. An increase from \$1,500 to \$2,000 is asked for William Ross Davis, of Steubenville, at Alexandretta, Syria, who is in danger of being transferred from that post because the Sultan thinks Davis offered him a personal affront by hauling down the American flag on Ascension Day, the Turkish equivalent to the Fourth of July. Still another Ohioan for whom more money will be asked is Frank H. Mason, consul general at Berlin, for whom \$5,000 is asked, an increase of \$1,000.

Other Ohioans for whom increases are requested are: Thomas H. Norton, at Harput, Turkey, from \$1,500 to \$2,000; P. Merrill Griffith, at Manzanillo, Mexico, from \$1,500 to \$2,000; James M. Ayers, at Rosario, Argentina, from \$2,000 to \$2,500, and Edwin F. Gumsaulius at Toronto, Canada, from \$2,000 to \$3,000. The other Pennsylvanians are: Walter C. Hamm, at Hull, England, from \$2,000 to \$2,500; T. William Peters, at St. Gall, Switzerland, from \$3,000 to \$4,000; and W. J. Pike, Zittau, Germany, from \$1,500 to \$2,000. The lone West Virginian for whom an increase is asked is J. T. Hoke, Windsor, Nova Scotia, from \$1,500 to \$2,000.

## MADE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE DRUNK.

Charge Made to Show How a Railroad Company Beat the State of Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13.—William A. Ketchum, former attorney general of Indiana and as such employed to try to force the Vandalla Railroad Company to pay to the State the sum of \$3,000,000, filed a complaint against the company, alleging that the State had been prevented in the past from investigating and enforcing its claim because of the corruption of its agents by the company.

The case was in the courts several months ago, and the Supreme Court found in favor of the State and fixed the amount as approximately \$1,000,000. The company appealed to the United States Supreme Court, and that tribunal reversed the judgment on the ground that the State had slept on its rights and had delayed too long in the attempt to enforce its claim. The case was sent back to the State courts with instructions to find for the railroad company, but Ketchum secured permission to file another suit showing why the claim had not been prosecuted.

This complaint charges that when the legislature sent its committee to investigate the books of the company, to discover the amount of indebtedness under its special charter, the members of the committee got free transportation and hotel expenses and that their duties were usurped by the officers of the company. The members of the committee were made drunk, he says, in order to prevent the investigation.

It is also charged that members of certain committees were bought outright and that, as it was through the company's frauds upon the State that investigation was delayed from time to time, the company cannot in equity claim exemption because of the lapses of time.

Evidence will be taken under the complaint, and members of the legislative committees who were charged with selling out to the company will be called to testify.

Some nice lots on Hamilton Hill for sale at a good bargain. H. H. Lamm.

Why not let the Marion Claim Agency collect that claim for you? x

Why not let the Marion Claim Agency collect that claim for you? x

Quick collections, prompt settlements—Marion Claim Agency. x

## GROUNDHOG FIRES MINE

Mystery of Blaze in Lynn Works at Milesville Is Solved.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 12.—The Lynn coal mine at Milesville is on fire. The burrow of a groundhog is said to have been the cause. Over 100 miners are out of work. It will cost the Glassport Coal Company, owners of the mine, several hundred dollars to extinguish the fire.

For several weeks Superintendent W. A. Wilson has been aware that fire existed in the mine, but it could not be located. Saturday George Crossland, the pit boss, discovered smoke coming from a hole in the surface that had been a groundhog's retreat. Flames from the recent forest fires swept into the groundhog's hole and set fire to the coal. One thousand feet of pipe were laid to the Monongahela river and engines will be installed to-day to pump water to flood the mine.

## The End of Toil.

How sweetly it comes back, how tenderly.

That evening's end; no little thing forgot;

The fire made safe; set back the steaming pot;

Windows and doors shut tightly as could be;

The tall clock wound; the house all still; and then—

The dear old man his candle takes and goes

To seek his own well-earned, prayer-blessed repose.

His heart at peace with all the sons of men.

And, when we to the end of toil have won,

And it is time for us to go to bed,

May we as gently move into our rest.

Leaving no simplest needful thing undone.

No word of healing gentleness unsaid.

Some lamp of God close to our bosoms pressed.

—John White Chadwick.

## MISCELLANEOUS ADVERTISEMENTS

**CHARLES HOWARD,**  
Photographer,  
106 Main street, next door to Citizens' Dollar Savings Bank.

**BILL POSTERS.**

**FAIRMONT BILL POSTING CO.,**  
R. E. Fisher, Prop. Office, Jackson St. Bill Posting and Distributing. Consolidated Phone No. 523.

**R. E. McCRAV & BRO.**  
Billposters and Distributors.  
321 Madison St. F. & M. Phone 290.  
Our customers receive the best—That's all.

**SEE JAKE**  
At the Madison Street Restaurant.  
Regular Meals, 25 cents.  
Boarding by the week, \$3.50.

**FOUNTAIN RESTAURANT,**  
WELLS & CRISS, Proprietors.  
Meals at all hours.  
Special attention given lunch counter.

**PINNELL'S**  
Livery, Sale and Exchange Stable,  
Porter alley, Rear of Court-house.  
Phones—Bell, 147. F. & M., 209.

**FRED MEADE,**  
Barber.  
Under Billinglea's Drug Store,  
Madison street.

**YOU'RE NEXT.**  
F. H. Jackson, Barber,  
Cor. Parks ave. and Main St. First-class work guaranteed. No novices but experienced workmen.

**NEW BARBER SHOP,**  
Opposite Marietta Hotel. Everything First-Class. Bath Room. Union Shop.  
**LOYAL BENNETT, Proprietor.**

**ERNEST SHERWOOD,**  
Barber, 308 Main Street.  
Opposite Bank of Fairmont.  
Eight Chairs.

**FAIRMONT PRESSING CO.,**  
V. Bennett, Proprietor, 300 Monroe street. Scouring, dyeing, repairing, &c. Rates, \$1.50 per month. Quick work. Phone. Wagon.

**MOUNTAIN STATE PRESSING CO.**  
C. B. FIELD, Proprietor.  
Cleaning, dyeing, pressing and repairing. 329 Main street, up stairs.

**ERNEST SHINN,**  
Barber, No. 814 Fourth St. 5th Ward. All work artistically done. Eighteen years' experience. Agent for Laundry.

**FAIRMONT TEA CO.,**  
617 Merchant street.  
Granite and Queensware. Special Teas, Spices, Refined Coffee's and Attention to Customers.

**MEAT MARKET,**  
G. N. Welsh, Proprietor.  
Fresh and Cured Meats of all kinds. Eighth street, South Side. Bell Phone, 243-2.

**FAIRMONT ICE AND FUEL CO.,**  
M. M. Foster, Manager.  
Office—304 Main street. Phones—F. & M., 398; Bell, 333-2.

## THE CHILDREN CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL SANTA COMES.



—Pittsburg Press.

## WALKS AND TALKS.

By Julius Chambers, in Pittsburg Dispatch.

Doubt no longer exists that Secretary Taft is in training for the Presidential nomination four years hence. Ohio is expected to supply another Republican candidate as the Chief Executive of the United States. A noticeable coldness between Senator Foraker and the friends of the young Secretary has already manifested itself. Mr. Foraker has been content to wait, confident that his opportunity would come in 1908; but the appearance of his fellow townsman has been an unexpected blow. Senator Fairbanks does not view with any greater complacency the sudden ascendancy of Secretary Taft, and a combination between all the anti-Taft Republicans in his favor is the hope of the Vice-President-elect.

The campaign of 1908 for the Republican nomination has practically begun. A few weeks after Christmas an informal organization will be effected. A "bureau of education" will begin work and the availability of Judge Taft for a seat on the Supreme Bench, where he will be shelved, will be constantly set forth. It is generally understood at Washington that the President is willing Secretary Taft should have the next vacancy on the Supreme bench, but that the Ohio man will not consider any post short of the Chief Justiceship. Mr. Fuller does not attain the age of enforced retirement for seven years; waiting for a dead man's shoes is not acceptable to the Secretary of War.

The hand of the President in this

matter will be shown after March 4. Secretary Hay is believed to be the Roosevelt selection. Although the resignations of all the members of the cabinet will be placed in the President's hands, John Hay will be asked to stay. How long he will consent to remain will depend upon the effect of persuasion upon him. Mr. Hay is not ambitious for the Presidency. He has attained a place in contemporaneous history almost equal to that of any President since Lincoln. General regret will be felt among many personal admirers of Senator Foraker in both parties that he is to be forced out of the running. He is a strong man and has proved the staunch friend of our new colonies—especially the Philippines.

## For Sale.

The entire furnishment of the Delmonico Hotel. Everything ready to make you money will be offered at private sale until Saturday, December 17, 1904. Will be sold that day on the premises at public auction if not sold before. Sale at 10 o'clock. Apply to W. L. Protzman, at the Economy store, 321 Madison street, Fairmont, W. Va.

We have just unloaded our car of Novelty Ranges for fall trade, and are in a position to make you close prices. J. L. Hall's Hardware Store.

We carry all sizes of sewer pipe from 3 to 24 inches. Prompt delivery. Call us on either 'phone. J. L. Hall Hardware Store.

Croquet is a pleasant pastime. Procure a set at J. L. Hall's hardware store.

## The West Virginian Job Department.

We are now in position to do all kinds of Job Printing. If you want any of the following, or Job Work of any description, try us:

Shipping Tags,  
Business Cards,  
Bill Heads,  
Letter Heads,  
Note Heads,

Dodgers,  
Sale Bills,  
Statements,  
Show Cards,  
Programmes,

Announcements,  
Negotiable Notes,  
Promissory Notes,  
Book Printing,  
Price Lists.

All Work Promptly and Neatly Executed,

Fairmont West Virginian,  
Monroe Street.

## About the Children

Early training in the practice of self-denial; instruction as to the use and value of money; opportunities for earning and saving money; all these tend to fix and fasten the children in the ways of thrift and prosperity. We are always glad to assist the little folks in their efforts to save money.

Home Savings Bank. Fairmont.

## LEVI B. HARR,

— IS —

The only man in the Monongahela Valley who makes a specialty of making you money

and incidentally aliving for himself.

Fairmont Real Estate. Special Agents

Properties Rented

Special Agent

Loans Negotiated  
Stocks For Speculation  
Bonds for Investment.

His clients are his references.  
Office rooms, 322½ Main Street.

## BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

PASSENGER trains will arrive at and depart from Fairmont on the following schedule on and after November 27th, 1904:

**WEST BOUND.**  
No. 7.—Chicago Express. 2:24 A. M.  
No. 5.—Wheeling Accommodation. 7:47 A. M.  
No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express. 7:29 P. M.  
No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation. 1:41 P. M.

**EAST BOUND.**  
No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:25 A. M.  
No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M.  
No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:49 P. M.  
No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

## F. M. AND P. BRANCH.

**ARRIVES.**  
No. 2.—Pittsburg Accom'n 7:05 P. M.  
No. 50.—Pittsburg Accom'n 1:00 P. M.  
No. 4.—Pittsburg Accom'n 9:00 P. M.

**DEPARTS.**  
No. 1.—Pittsburg Accom'n 5:00 A. M.  
No. 3.—Pittsburg Accom'n 7:50 A. M.  
No. 51.—Connellsville Accom'n 2:10 P. M.  
No. 69 leaves daily for Morgantown at 9:05 P. M. No. 62 arrives from Morgantown at 6:55 A. M., daily except Sunday; No. 66 at 8:00 A. M. Sunday only.

## PAWPAW BRANCH.

(Saturday only.)  
No. 201—Leaves Fairmont... 7:00 A. M.  
No. 203—Leaves Fairmont... 4:00 P. M.  
No. 200—Arrives at Fairmont 9:25 A. M.  
No. 202—Arrives at Fairmont 6:25 P. M.

## MONONGAH DIVISION.

No. 5.—Arrives at Fairmont 5:35 P. M.  
No. 1.—Arrives at Fairmont 12:10 P. M.  
No. 3.—Arrives at Fairmont 7:45 A. M.  
No. 2.—Leaves Fairmont... 7:10 A. M.  
No. 6.—Leaves Fairmont... 1:55 P. M.  
No. 4.—Leaves Fairmont... 9:55 P. M.  
No. 66—Leaves Fairmont... 8:00 A. M.  
No. 69—Arrives at Fairmont 9:00 P. M.

All trains are daily except Nos. 1, 3 and 4 on the F. M. and P. branch, which are daily except Sunday, and Nos. 66 and 69 which are Sunday only.

For sleeping car reservations and information concerning tickets and rates, consult T. B. HENDERSON, Ticket Agent.

## Opera House Restaurant.

The Opera House Restaurant has opened up again and will serve its customers as usual in first-class style. It is for both ladies and gentlemen.

ALVA HAWKINS, Manager. x

The West Virginian respectfully solicits job printing of all kinds. Neat work at reasonable prices.

"Yes, dear Maude, we always get the finest cut flowers for Xmas at Hall's Flower Store." x

Price cut half in two on ladies' coats and jackets, at J. S. Pople's.

## The Bank of Fairmont,

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

J. E. WATSON, President.

J. S. HAYDEN, Vice President.

WALTON MILLER, Cashier.

Capital, \$150,000.00.

Undivided Profits, \$160,000.00

## DIRECTORS:

A. B. Fleming, J. S. Hayden.

J. E. Watson.

M. L. Hutchinson, F. E. Nichols.

O. S. McKinney, C. E. Manley.

Transacts a general banking business.

Accounts of corporations, firms and individuals received upon the most favorable terms consistent with sound and conservative banking.

Interest paid on time deposits. Separate vault with safety deposit boxes for use of customers.

## The First National Bank of Fairmont, W. Va.

Capital Stock, - \$100,000.00  
Surplus and Undivided Profits, - 165,000.00

Designated Depository of the United States and State of West Virginia.

J. M. HARTLEY, President.

Hon. A. B. FLEMING, Vice President.

JOS. E. SANDS, Cashier.

## DIRECTORS.

J. M. Hartley, Hon. A. B. Fleming.

Benj. D. Fleming, Wm. E. Watson.

Jos. E. Sands.

Chartered as State Bank in 1881. Organized as National Bank in 1885. Rechartered as National Bank in 1885.

Wants business based on balance and responsibility.

Collects on all points.

Sells domestic and foreign exchange.

Pays interest on special deposits.

Customers' private boxes taken care of in our fire and burglar proof vault free of charge.

## The People's Bank of Fairmont, W. Va.

CAPITAL STOCK, \$200,000.00.

George M. Jacobs.....President

George DeBott.....Cashier

J. M. Brownfield.....Assistant Cashier

Directors—G. M. Jacobs, S. L. Watson, J. M. Hartley, Harry Shaw, W. S. Haymont and C. E. Hutchinson.

All business entrusted to us will receive prompt and careful attention.

SOLICIT YOUR ACCOUNTS.

Interest paid on time deposits. Vault is free to customers for private boxes and papers.

NEW CENTRAL HOTEL,

CORNER

Porter Alley and Monroe Street,

C. V. ABBOTT, Proprietor.

Rooms have been remodeled and thoroughly renovated.

Rooms with bath.

First class bar attached.

J. L. INGRAM,

Contractor & Builder,

guarantees satisfaction in all his work. Screen doors a specialty. Estimates free.

118 Gaston Ave.

Mrs. E. A. McCartney,

Ladies Tailoring.

Gentlemen's Cleaning and Repairing.

Cheapest price for high grade Tailoring.

Third Floor, Carr Building.

How about having a baby's picture taken? See Howard, the photographer, 106 Main street.

Ask your grocer for Marion flour. x

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.

FAIRMONT, W. VA.